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MATHEMATICS
even when
I have to study.
if I'm with you,
it's so fun.
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When Nao receives a terrible grade on the fattest test, there's only one person to turn to- Andou-kun, the silent boy with his long hair covering his eyes. He gets great grades, and is semi-willing to help Nao - Turns out that under all that hair, there's a cute

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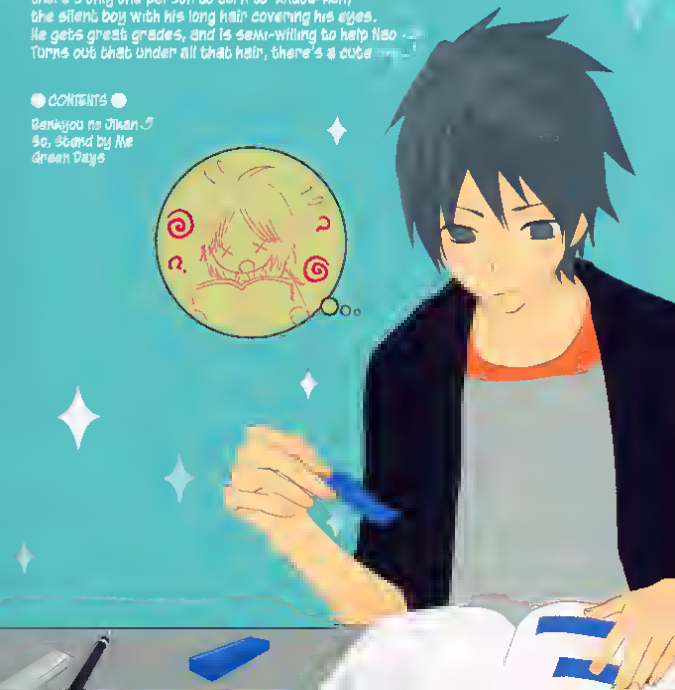


勉強の時間
BENKYOU NO JIKAN
南塔子
Toko Minami

1年 2組 3番
木公元 直
28
(2) x²-4x
4) -x²+4x-7=0
ALRIGHT, DID EVERYONE GET THEIR TESTS BACK?
chatter
chatter
chatter
Ehhh?
I EXPECT ALL OF YOU TO WORK HARD.
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO FAILED THIS TIME I WANT YOU TO GET ABOVE A 60% FOR THE NEXT TEST IN THREE DAYS OTHERWISE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON TO HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.
chatter
I passed!
Urgh
chatter
I didn't...
chatter
chatter

She's amazing.
LISTEN, LISTEN NAO!
AYAKA-CHAN GOT A 91%.
EVEN THOUGH I BARELY PASSED...
NAO? SOME-THING THE MATTER?
NO WAY...
.....
PEEK
OUCH. A FAIL.
A 60 IN THREE DAYS?!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO!! TEACH ME MATH, AYAKA-CHAN!?!
I HAVE TO WORK PART TIME NEXT WEEK...
EH?
SO NEXT WEEK
A

Some-times I don't get you.
MAN, ANDO!
A 100% AGAIN?
oh no Being held back.
High school
ANDO-KUN!
NAO?!
UNTOH
!?
I NEED A HUGE FAVOR.

bow
PLEASE TUTOR ME IN MATH!
HUH?
DESPERATE
I'M BEGGING YOU!
PLEASE! IF YOU DON'T, I'LL HAVE TO STAY ANOTHER YEAR.
HM
YOU SAY THAT BUT
OF COURSE, ONLY UP UNTIL THE FINAL EXAMS
TU-TOR-ING?
Ding---
Dong---
Later on.
KI-TAR-OU?
ESPECIAL-LY KITARO OF ALL PEOPLE
SHEESH, NAO
WITH THAT EMO HAIR.
ASKING HIM OUT OF THE BLUE
I KNOW!
You surprised me.

WHAAT?!
AYAKA-CHAN!
IF YOU MISS A PROBLEM, HE MIGHT SNAP AND BEAT YOU TO A PULP!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S THE TYPE TO GET EXTREMELY IRRITATED WHEN HE'S CONFRONTED WITH HUMAN INTERACTION
HE'S ALWAYS SLEEPING OR READING A BOOK HE MIGHT BE SECRETLY GOTHIC
HE'S GOING TO LOOK OVER YOUR WORK FROM NOW ON RIGHT?
Y-YEAH...
THAT'S NOT TRUE! HE SAID YES, SO IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT BAD
LIBRARY
We'll be waiting to hear about it!
GULP
"TO A PULP"

CLACK
Just like the spartans!
POUND
For now, all I have to do is give it my all in order to survive.
CLI
CK
He's here!
ANDO-KUN!
S-SURE!
WELL, LET'S GET STARTED SOON. MAY I SEE YOUR LAST TEST?
AH! YOU CAN SIT HERE.
GO AHEAD!
bob bob
SHUFFLE
THANK YOU!
I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE GRACED IN YOUR HUMBLE PRESENCE AT SUCH A BUSY HOUR!

silence...
.....
.....
.....
I THOUGHT...
the suspense is killing me.
I COULD SCORE
A LITTLE BIT HIGHER...
I SEE.

IF YOU FLIP THESE AROUND, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RIGHT.
OH
HERE, TOO
SEE, LIKE HERE
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE A HOPELESS CASE. YOU UNDERSTAND SOME OF THIS CORRECTLY
SO, TRY THIS SAME TYPE OF PROBLEM
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT!

what's this?!
so complicated?
"If you miss a single problem, he might beat you to a PULP"
what if
urk
But still
shrsh
shrsh
oh no! I'm so nervous I can't think straight
shrsh
shrsh
!
PUNCH
IT'S ALRIGHT SLOW DOWN, DON'T HURRY SO MUCH
IT'S FINE TO GO AT YOUR OWN PACE
Ah
.....
I feel lighter.

oh!
shrsh
shrsh
shrsh
so I
Derive
here?
It's
almost
as if I
was never
nervous
to begin
with.
I feel
at ease
hmm..?
I wonder
if this is his
true self?
what a
strange guy.
flip
FIN-
ISH-
ED?
IT'S
CORRECT.
YAAY!

If Ando kun can continue teaching me like this, I think I'll be able to graduate!

CLICK
HEY, YOU'RE STILL HERE?
IT'S CLOSING TIME, SO GO HOME ALREADY
He Laughed
OH MY GOSH, IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE?!
tick
tock
OH! SORRY!
I'M SO SORRY, ANDO-KUN! YOU HAD TO TUTOR ME FOR SO LONG
YOU MUST BE STARVED,
LET ME TREAT YOU TO DINNER!
IT'S OKAY
YOU NEED THAT TIME TO STUDY, MATSUMOTO-SAN
YOU'RE GOING TO BE STUCK HERE TOMORROW AND THE DAY AFTER I WANT TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU— BUT
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE TYPES OF THINGS IT'S OKAY I DON'T MIND

I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS!
shake
shake
shake
I'LL DO ANYTHING, OKAY?!
WELL IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE, TELL ME!
OH
GOT IT
OKAY
WHAT'S WRONG?
I JUST DROPPED MY ER, SER.
AH
roll
roll

HUH? WHERE DID IT GO?
glance
☆ UNDER THE DESK
HERE, I FOUND IT.
EH?
EH?
NOT REALLY
YOU HAVE GOOD EYES MATSUMOTO-SAN
THANKS. Though, it was right there.
YOUR HAIR'S JUST IN THE WAY, ANDO-KUN.
!
IF YOU MOVE IT OUT OF YOUR FACE LIKE THIS...
DOESN'T IT GET IN YOUR EYES?

wait
snap
YOU'RE RIGHT
what the hell am i doing?
SOR-
that was super rude!
SORRY FOR DOING SUCH A WEIRD THING!
ER, IT ISN'T LIKE THAT
I'm so stupid!
Doing that to the guy helping me study..
making it awkward all of a sudden
sigh
STEP 2
But..

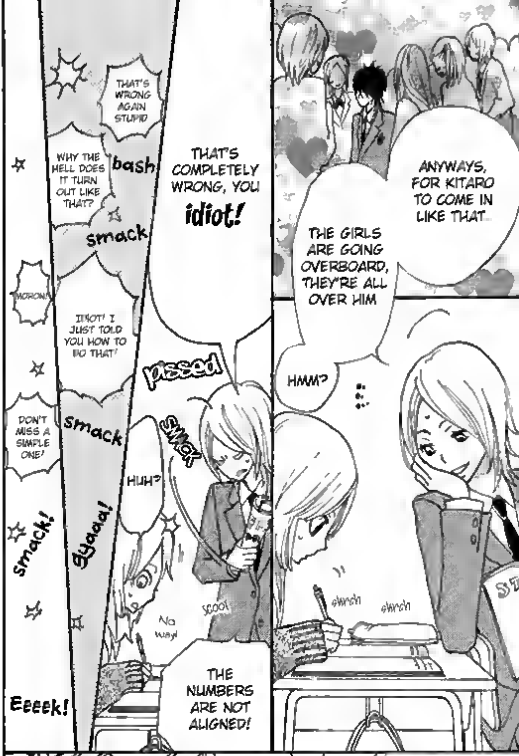
Sorry, Ando-kun
Right this isn't good
I just suddenly moved without thinking
I felt so at ease with him
when I study by myself,
I don't get a single thing
yawN
I'm sleepy
FUA...
good morning!
I hope he doesn't mind it too much
SLEEPY MUCH?
this voice!

ANDO-KU...
HUH? I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD ANDO-KUN'S VOICE JUST NOW
look
look
MATSU-MOTO-SAN I'M RIGHT HERE
EHHHHHHHH HH?!?!?
AH
HAIR?

It's because I told him to?
WELL, I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT AND TRIED TO HAVE IT CUT.
IT JUST ENDED UP LIKE THIS
Eh?
WOW, NO! IT REALLY SUITS YOU.
IT'S WEIRD AFTER ALL
I WAS JUST SUR-PRISED!
So glad~ He wasn't mad that I touched his hair. yay!
OH? YOU STUDY WHILE WALKING?
Nice → advice, self!

1-2
HERE...
OH, YEAH,
THERE WAS A PART I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
WHERE?
MATSUMOTO-SAN
WHO'S THAT?!
EH?
Oh.
IT'S ANDO-KUN
Duh.
ba-thump
!?
FREEZE
Ando?!
EH?
!?
You're so cute!
KYAA
It looks good on you!
KYAA
You changed your hair?
Good Morning!
KYAA
Eh---- ANDO-KUN WE COULDN'T TELL!

SHO CK
kyyaa!
kyyaa!
Taken away
LEAN
UM YEAH, IT IS.
IT CAN'T BE... ANDO-KUN!?
WOAH HARD TO BELIEVE.
Hey
AYAKA-CHAN, NATSU-CHAN.
Morning
WHO'S THAT?
OH YEAH,
AYAKA-CHAN HOW DO YOU DO THIS?
EH?
I WANT TO GET THIS DONE SOON.
YOU PULL OUT THE 2 FROM THIS EQUATION HERE. AND YOU CAN SOLVE IT BY REARRANGING THEM.
AL-RIGHT
OK
YEAH


THAT'S WRONG AGAIN STUPID
WHY THE HELL DOES IT TURN OUT LIKE THAT?
bash
smack
THAT'S COMPLETELY WRONG, YOU idiot!
ANYWAYS, FOR KITARO TO COME IN LIKE THAT...
THE GIRLS ARE GOING OVERBOARD, THEY'RE ALL OVER HIM
MORON!
IIIIOT! I JUST TOLD YOU HOW TO DO THAT!
DON'T MISS A SIMPLE ONE!
smack
smack!
gyaaa!
passed
SMACK
HUH?
HMM?
shrsh
shrsh
No way!
scoot
THE NUMBERS ARE NOT ALIGNED!
Eeeek!

LIBRARY
WOBBLE
I wonder how many times I've been called stupid
where DID my understanding from yesterday go?
Thunder
Great only two more days until the test

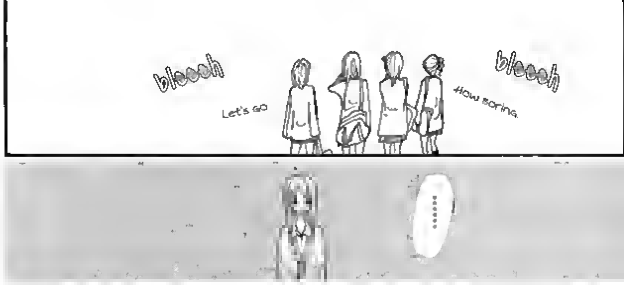
ughh
what's going on?
intense perfume
And it's good stuff
ALL the smells are clashing
Kya ha ha
chatter
chatter
eh?
slide
waft
woah!

scoot
OH, I SEE.
MATSUMOTO-SAN.
THERE WAS A PROBLEM YOU DIDN'T GET THIS MORNING?

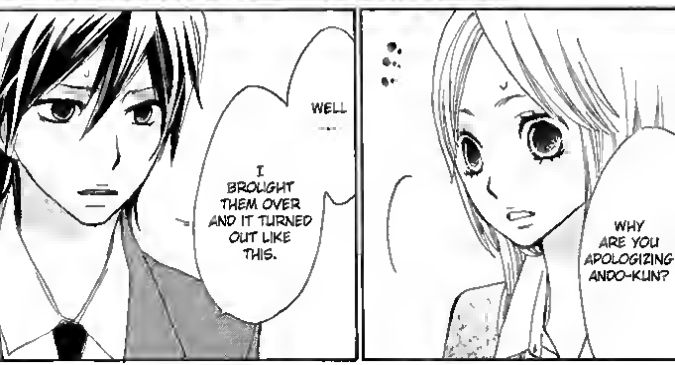
AH. MATSUMOTO-SAN...
WE CAN'T GET MATH AT ALL.
WE ALSO WANTED TO JOIN THE TUTORING SESSION.

AH I ASKED AYAKA-CHAN THIS MORNING AND SOMEHOW MANAGED ..
THEN WHY DON'T YOU ASK YOUR FRIEND TO KEEP HELPING YOU?
OKAY..
this one is hard
THEN LET'S START WITH THIS ONE TODAY
TOO BAD?
SHE'S ALWAYS AT HER PART-TIME JOB THESE DAYS..
Eeeh? Too bad.
she
shaka laka
HEY,
LET'S ALL EAT DINNER TOGETHER AFTERWARDS!
Umm 5 invited by OB3871 is
OH! I HAVE A COUPON FOR THE CURRY RESTAURANT IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN STATION
THEN LET'S GO THERE!
So it's 005(331) = 4/5 And then x is ...
AVRIL LAVIGNE
WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?
WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO, ANDO-KUN?
SO MUCH FOR MY HAPPY ENDING

LIBRARY
SL
GET THE HELL OUT!
AM
GRR
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SINGING HERE
PEACH!
Don't upset Dream of Normandy!
Kya ha ha!
GRRR
Shut up!
Kiaaa! Scary
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
I have graduation on the line here! I don't have much time left! If you get it now SCRAM!
Uraah pog
HE CAN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO HIMSELF WITH YOU AROUND
HE'S ONLY HELPING BECAUSE HE'S TOO NICE ANDO-KUN CAN'T SAY NO!
THAT'S
USING HIM LIKE THAT? POOR GUY.
AND YOU DRAGGED ANDO-KUN INTO IT?
That's right.
You're the one who bullies Ueki
ISN'T THAT YOUR PROBLEM?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.


bleeeh
Let's go
How boring.
bleeeh
.....

SCOOT
SORRY ABOUT THAT
CLACK


WELL.....
I BROUGHT THEM OVER AND IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING ANDO-KUN?

It's true that I forced him into this in the beginning
NO.
He's only helping you because he's too nice! Ando-kun can't say no!
YUP, I'VE SEEN ALL THE SERIES
SAME HERE! ISN'T IT SO FUNNY?
PERK
DROOP
DROOP
I'm such an idiot
EH? YOU LIKE THAT TOO, ANDO-KUN?
That boss was impossible every time I tried!
But you eventually got it!
ohhaha
Yeah~

It started yesterday
DID YOU SEE THE NEW MOVIE LAST NIGHT?
NOT YET.
SAME HERE!
THEN DO YOU WANT TO GO WATCH IT WITH ME TONIGHT?
OH,
BUT TONIG-
GO WITH HER, ANDO-KUN!
MATSU-MOTO-SAN.
Hehehe, I could hear you
MORNING!
I'M FINE ON MY OWN, SO-
AH.
YOU HAD PLANS...?
YEAH-
OH, IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE
IT'S NOTHING IMPORTANT ANYWAYS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NOT IMPORTANT?
YOU TAUGHT ME SOME PARTS TO THE SECOND BOOK YESTERDAY
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE DAY LEFT, SO I CAN SOMEHOW MANAGE IT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP UP UNTIL NOW!

It can't be helped, right?

I really wanted him to help me today, too
In truth, I still don't get it
But...
English
It's just like those girls said
English
He just feels obliged to help me

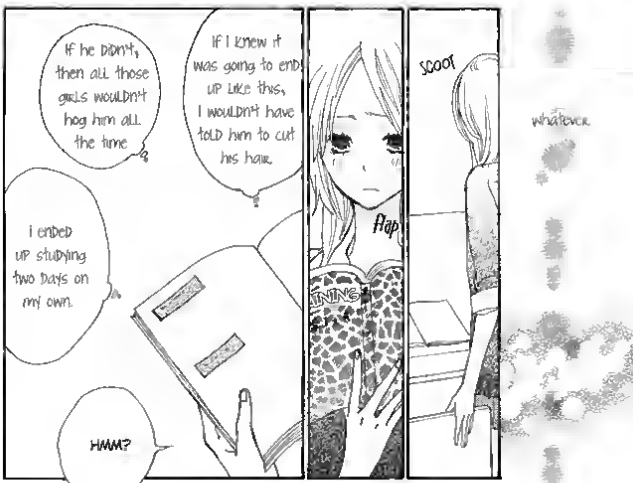
THUNK
やさしい問題集
数学
THUNK
I won't back down!
AND SOLVE 'EM!
humph!
ALRIGHT!! I'M GOING TO TACKLE THESE ALL DOWN
Still on the first problem
15 minutes later.
CLACK...
It got hard all of a sudden
Which part of this is easy?
Whew!

WHY...
ANDO-KUN!
I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED
I THOUGHT I SHOULD STICK WITH YOU UNTIL THE END
But the movie
YOU CAN WORK ON IT AT HOME
OH,
Didn't you want to go with her?
AND I FOUND A REVIEW BOOK THAT LOOKED EASY TO UNDERSTAND
EH?

THANK YOU...!
THEN LET'S START!
TRAINING
AH!
SL
IDE
RUN
RUN
RUN
SO YOU WERE HERE AFTER ALL!
uhhh!
Just now
I felt like crying

IF YOU RUSH, YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT TO THE MOVIES ON TIME.
IT DOESN'T MATTER
I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS GOING...
EH?
YOU SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED ON US
Again?
BACK
YOU SAID ANDO-KUN IS FREE NOW?
YOU SAID YOU'RE FINE ON YOUR LAST DAY RIGHT?
HEY, MATSU-MOTO-SAN,
BUT I'M TUTORING RIGHT NOW...
SEE? LET'S GO!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS ANYWAYS!
GOOD LUCK, MATSUMOTO-SAN!
uh
OF COURSE!
Slide
CLACK
CLACK
BANG
BANG
BANG
NOOOOOO
OOOOOOO!

Being all flirtey around women!


If he didn't, then all those girls wouldn't hog him all the time.
If I knew it was going to end up like this, I wouldn't have told him to cut his hair.
I ended up studying two days on my own.
HMM?
Flap
SCOOT
whatever.

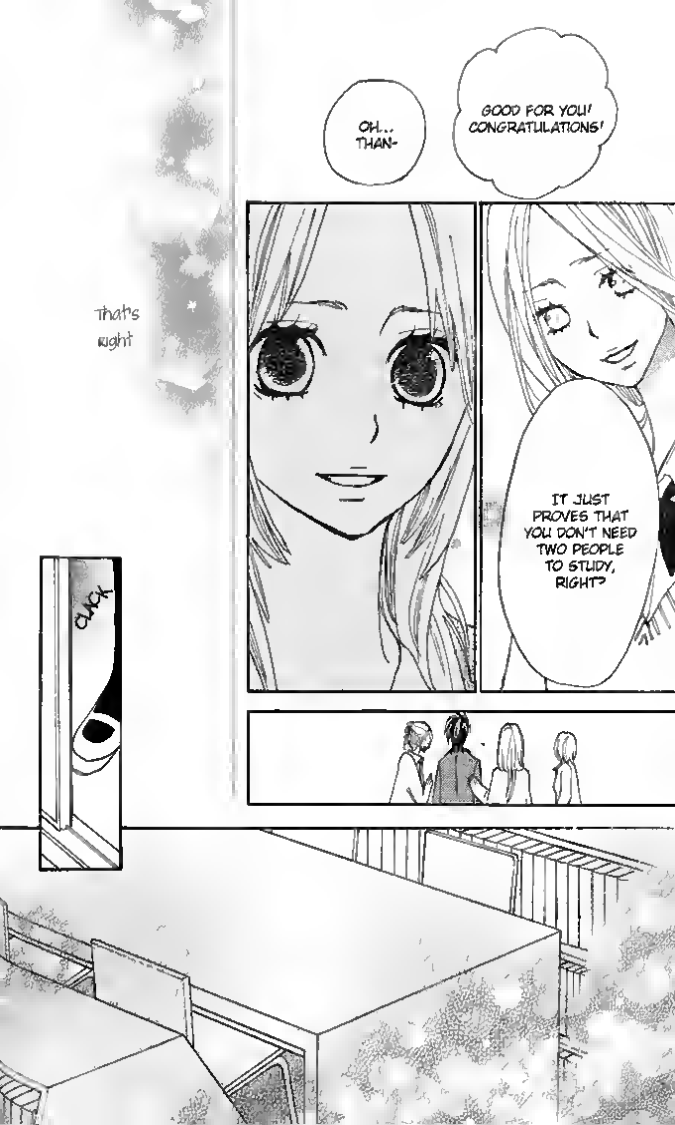
• On this graph, drawing it out will help
• Also, be sure to factor it out
Yes
Flip
STICKY NOTES?
AND HERE...
AH, IT'S HERE, TOO
Maybe Ando-kun forgot them
No
Good luck!
ALL the Problems I had a hard time with?
these are
TRAINING

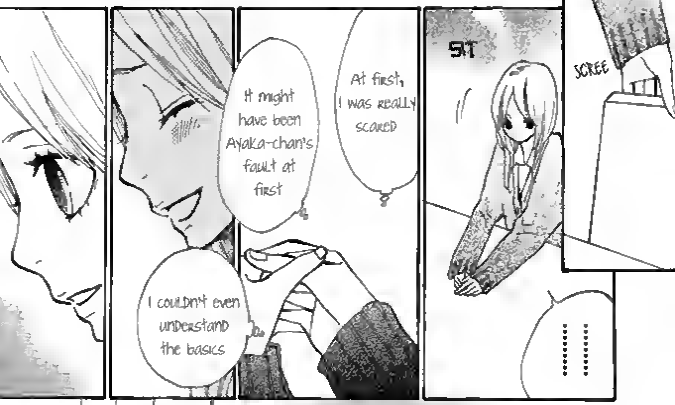
squeeze
Ando-kun!

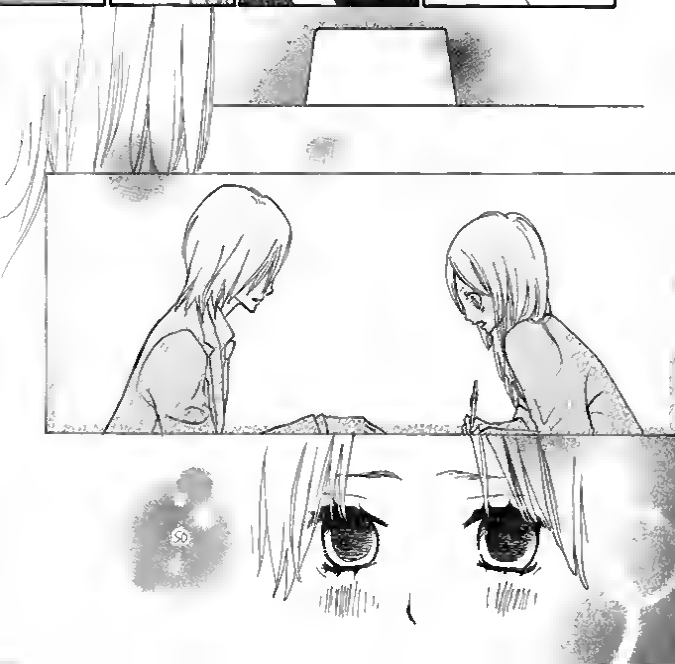
72.

SOB
SOB
AMAZING! THAT'S A HUGE JUMP FROM THE LAST TEST!
OH HEY! YOU DID IT, NAO!
Congratulations!
THANKS GUYS~
You're a real trooper
ANDO-KUN...
SHUFFLE
.....
SHRIV
SHUFFLE
HOW DID YOU DO!?
MATSU-MOTO-SAN!
heh heh
FLIP
72.

blush
I'M SO GLAD!
HERE ARE YOUR NOTES, THANKS!
TRAINING
AH,
DID IT HELP OUT?
IT WAS AMAZING.
Ando-kun
EVERYTHING WAS THANKS TO YOU, ANDO-KUN
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT WASN'T --
SLIDE
OH, MATSUMOTO-SAN, YOU PASSED?
!!


OH... THAN-
GOOD FOR YOU! CONGRATULATIONS!
IT JUST PROVES THAT YOU DON'T NEED TWO PEOPLE TO STUDY, RIGHT?
That's right
CLICK


I couldn't even understand the basics
It might have been Ayaka-chan's fault at first
At first, I was really scared
SIT
SCREE
!!!!!


SO

AH, MATSU-MOTO-SAN
WHAT'S WRONG?
this is the end
Eh?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, ANDO-KUN?
UM,
MY FEET JUST SUDDENLY... UM...
SCOOT

SCOOT
EHHH
HHHH
!?!?!?
chatter
chatter
chatter
OH! HIDE HERE!
EH!?
Under-neath!?
QUICKLY! QUICKLY!
I WONDER IF HE WENT HOME
THAT'S FUNNY I THOUGHT I SAW HIM COME THIS WAY
HUH? HE'S NOT HERE?
EH?
UM... WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
turn
THUMP
THUMP
CLICK
CLICK
SCHLAK

...NOTHING.
wait a minute close...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
too close!
THUMP
THUMP
oh no! He might hear my loud heart beat
AH, YOU KNOW-
I WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT PASSING, BUT
THEN I THOUGHT THE TUTORING SESSIONS WILL END.
AND THEN I SUDDENLY GOT REALLY SAD.

I REALLY CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE-
MATSUMOTO-SAN.
OH BUT,
YOU'RE PROBABLY GLAD TO BE FREE FROM THIS OBLIGATION SO-
flustered
I just realized he's here
kyaa-aaa~
EH?
THAT IF THERE WAS ANYTHING YOU COULD DO IN RETURN...
YOU SAID BEFORE...
YOU'D DO IT...
EH?
OH, YEAH!
SURE! ANYTHING!
UM WELL...

EVEN THOUGH THE TUTORING SESSIONS ENDED...
IF IT'S OKAY...
I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE STAYING BY MY SIDE FROM NOW ON...

SORRY FOR ASKING
SUCH A WEIRD THING.
I THOUGHT SO
THAT'S NO GOOD.
.....

But,
but
the weird one is me!
shake
shake
shake

I might end up being a great mathematician, you know?

《 END 》

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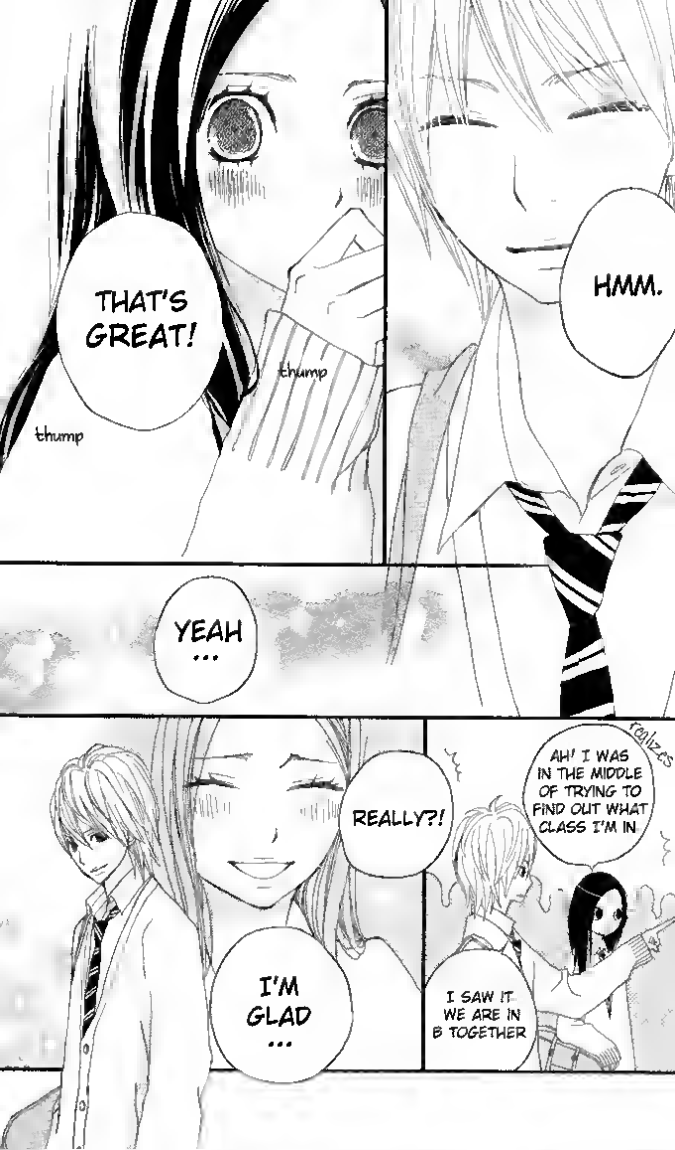
A new Uniform.
A new School.
New school buildings.
New Classroom.

グリーンデイズ

New friends ...
1A ...
Endou Ruri, Endou Ruri ..
1-A
1-B
oh ...
chatter
What class?
Come!
I'm in C
chatter
It's not done yet ...
flutter
flutter
Oh!
Another chair
Flop
... UH ...
EXCUSE ME ...
Realizes
... huh?
OH!
Slip

THANK YOU!
Hiro, we aren't in the same class, are we?
.....
thump thump thump thump thump thump thump thump thump thump
It's been so long since
It's
RUI.
ohh
thump
no...
Thump
I talked to a girl!

DID YOU LOOK AT THE CLASS ANNOUNCE-MENT SHEET?
... AKITO ...
ACTUALLY ... WHAT?
psk
psk
psk
You're bright red
WHAT HAPPENED?
AKITO, I JUST ...
TALKED WITH ...
A GIRL ...!
and she thanked ME!


HMM.
THAT'S GREAT!
thump
thump
YEAH ...
AH! I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT CLASS I'M IN
I SAW IT WE ARE IN B TOGETHER
REALLY?!
I'M GLAD ...

ERR WE'LL BE MOVING THE SEATING AROUND LATER BUT FOR NOW PLEASE SIT WHEREVER YOU WANT
If I'm with Ak to
although I'm nervous
I feel reassured
An empty seat
looks
All the people are hanging out with the people they get along with already
Are they all from the same junior high?
Rattle
Lets sit here with everyone
ERR
Rattle
Kya
Kya
The girl from before
Smiles
oh
thump

THE SEAT NEXT TO ME IS FREE.
me—
Eh?!
panic
Eh?
me!?
OH...
Push
thump
thump

I'M UENO MAHIRO.
CALL ME HIRO.
My world might change to where it was ...
... about half a year ago.
ENDOU ...
LET'S GO TO TOUHOKU

That day...
MORI-KUN
SHALL WE GO?
!?
GRAB
I was invited by the boyfriend of my friend back then, Nana, for 4 of us to go out
EH...?! BUT NANA ISN'T HERE YET... AND ALSO YOUR FRIEND HASN'T COME...
I thought it was weird, but
LET'S HAVE FUN IN THE MEAN-WHILE.
there's rumor, but
...I GOT A TEXT SAYING BOTH OF THEM WILL BE LATE.

BAM
I didn't think that the two of them wouldn't come

DON'T PLAY DUMB!
We saw it. You two were together yesterday!
What are you trying to pull by putting wools over Nana's eyes?!
I- I WAS TOLD THAT 4 OF US WILL BE HANGING OUT AND...
SHE'S LYING!
You are being deceived by her!!
I told her Nana will soon be coming, but she forcefully came on to me!

NANA! PLEASE BELIEVE ME!
REALLY I DIDN'T
I trusted you, Rui ...
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
... HUH ...?
You're the worst
what's that about?!
I REALLY CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BETRAYED YOUR GOOD FRIEND!
No ...!
I WAS INVITED TO HANG OUT WITH 4 PEOPLE AND ...
HUH?! DON'T BLAME SOMEONE ELSE!
Girls wouldn't talk to me anymore.

I guess a "friend" doesn't beat a "boyfriend."
I've known Nana longer than Mori-kun, and yet
I wanted them to believe me
I thought they would believe me.
I wonder if to Nana I wasn't really her friend
gr
ab
!?
This person is ...
... in the same class.
flinch
pass
Wh-What? Is he going to hit me?
jingle

This might have been the first time I talked to Akito properly
IS THIS YOURS?
Will no one believe me
I DID IT ON PURPOSE SHE'S SO ANNOYING!
She'll hear you
COMING TO SCHOOL LIKE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED
flinch
!
I can't believe it, can you?
Did you hear? About Rui
she's the worst
She cheated with Nana's boyfriend, didn't she?
It's Mochizuki from Class 3, right?
ENDOU! HELP ME OUT.
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A LOT HERE...
hey.
DID EVERY-ONE HAND IN THEIR NOTES?
DAY DUTY

?
?
?
I didn't understand the meaning of the gesture back then, but-
Campus
pass
IT'S OK. I'LL DO IT MYSELF.
EH...
I'll give it back when he returns.
STAFF ROOM
I forgot to return it to Yamashita kun...
He did say he found it
HMM?
Oh.
jingle
Rustle

!?
ISN'T THAT AKITO'S?
thump
forgot to bring a handkerchief
IT'S YAMASHITA-KUN'S?
OH, IT DEFINITELY IS HIS.
YOU SEE, HE BROUGHT ONE THAT WASN'T HIS INITIALS AND ...
AKITO
He's stupid, isn't he?
You wouldn't get scared, though. Ask that person out to it.
SO I REMEMBER IT WELL.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

YEAH ... I NEED SOMETHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ...
BUT ... I DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO JUMP OFF ...
SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU.
That's why he graduated and looking so scary.

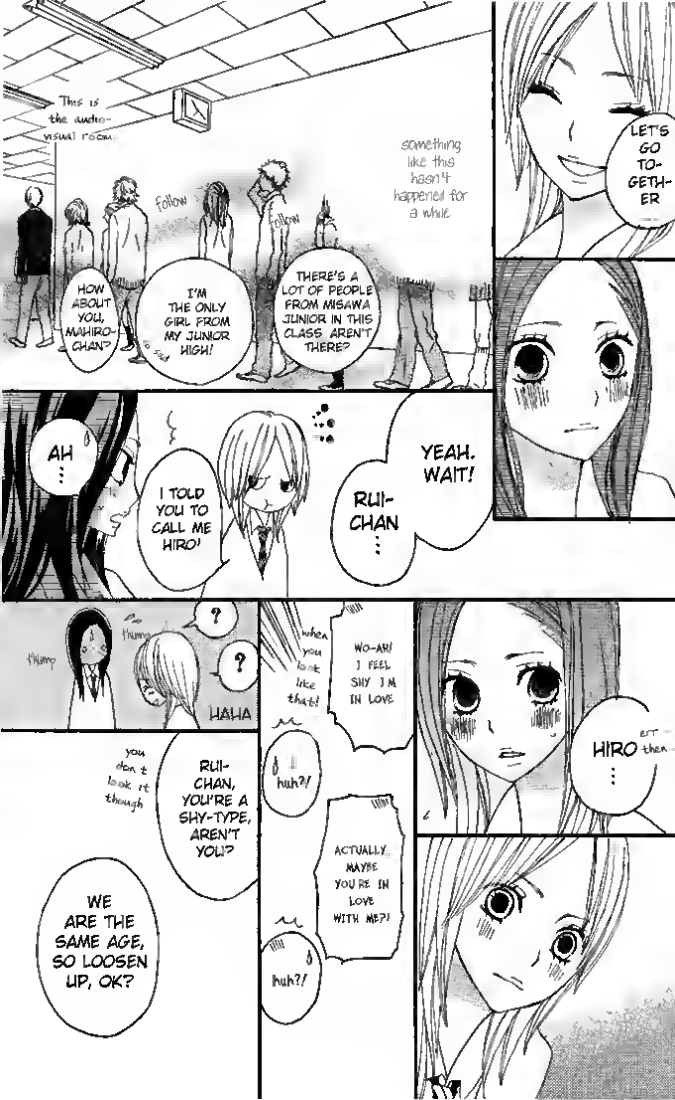
It seems that Akito was afraid that I might jump off the rooftop.

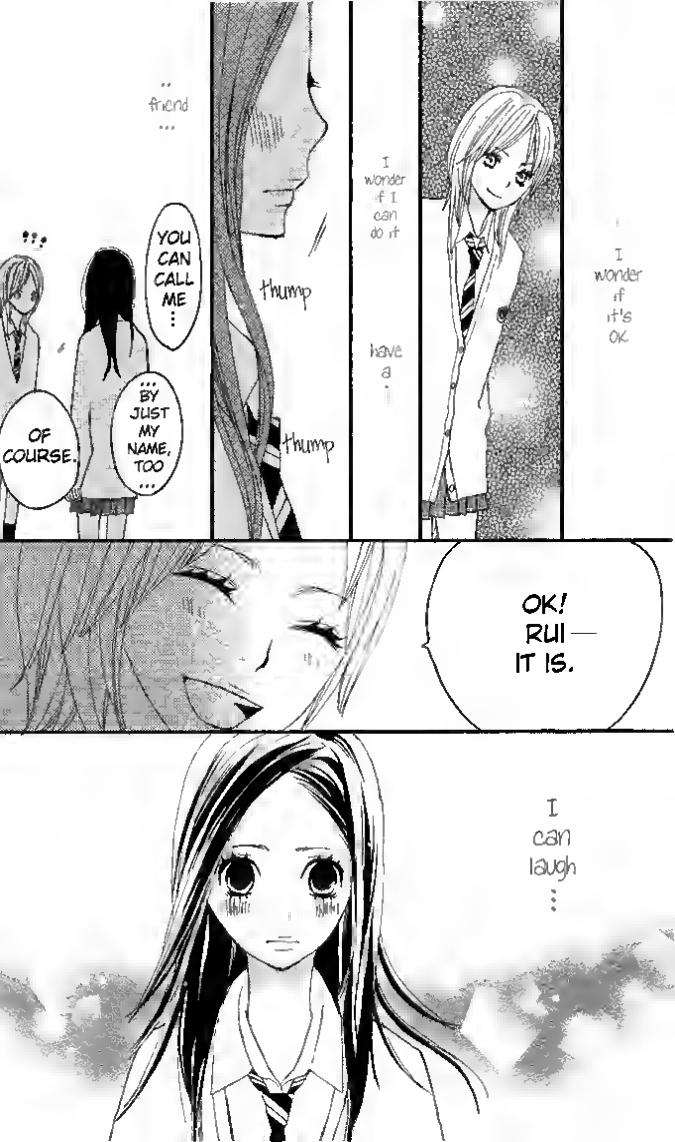
YOU CAN HAVE IT.
WELL THEN HERE YOU GO
EH ...?
BUT ...
.....
RUI ...
THE INITIAL IS "R," RIGHT?
After that ...
before I knew it ...
it became normal to be around Akito
How I got through 3rd year of junior high was ...

I'm really lucky that we are in the same class again, aren't I?
I was surprised that we both wanted to go to the same high school, too
Akito could've gone to a better school if he wanted. Why did he
THAT'S A NICE STRAP
- because Akito was with me
i'm going to hand out the next sheet
MIDDLE OF HOMEROOM
LET ME SEE.
Grab
AH?!
OH, IT HAS INITIALS ON IT.
R? WHAT DOES THAT STAND FOR?
Err Umm
Ruu!

Rui-chan. I'm Taguchi.
nice to meet you.
YEAH...
what a friendly guy
I WANT ONE TOO WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
SOME-ONE GAVE IT TO ME
EH? FROM A BOY-FRIEND?!
EH?
thump
glance
but if he was, I'd be so happy
N-NO
oh
pops down
OH NO
HMM?
Did he hear my thoughts?
thump
thump
thump
standing up now
EH?!
WELL, WHILE WE ARE AT IT, LET'S EXCHANGE DETAILS.
OH, IS THAT SO.
Err rrr
glance

he casually helps me...
be with me...
I thought then...
even so, to the same school as me
he's smiling nor really
I guess he doesn't feel the same
rattle
rattle
tap
ONLY TAKE OUT NECESSARY ITEMS PLEASE
DEJECTED...
it could be something more... but...
HE SAID WE'RE HAVING A SCHOOL TOUR NOW
Were you sleeping?
Of course it is!
since he's not that means
If he thought me to be more than a friend I'm sure he would get in a huff for something like this


This is the audio-visual room.
something like this hasn't happened for a while
Follow
Follow
HOW ABOUT YOU, MAHIRO-CHAN?
I'M THE ONLY GIRL FROM MY JUNIOR HIGH!
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM MISAWA JUNIOR IN THIS CLASS, AREN'T THERE?
LET'S GO TO-GETH-ER
AH…
I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME HIRO!
RUI-CHAN…
YEAH. WAIT!
thump
thump
?
?
HAHA
when you look like that!
WO-AH! I FEEL SHY I'M IN LOVE
HIRO
then
…
you don't look it though
RUI-CHAN, YOU'RE A SHY-TYPE, AREN'T YOU!?
huh?!
ACTUALLY, MAYBE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME?!
huh?!
WE ARE THE SAME AGE, SO LOOSEN UP, OK?

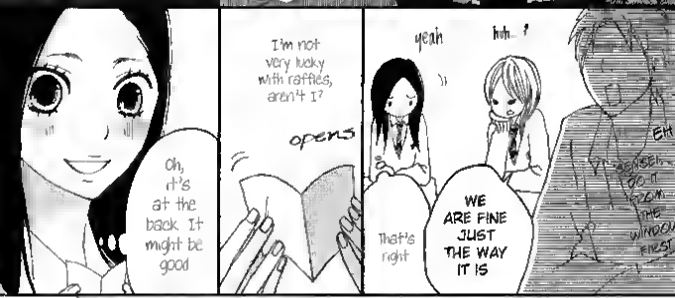

I wonder if it's OK.
I wonder if I can do it
thump
thump
have a
friend
YOU CAN CALL ME
BY JUST MY NAME, TOO
OF COURSE.
OK! RUI— IT IS.
I can laugh

MORNING.
YO.
OH...
LOOKS LIKE YOU MADE A NEW FRIEND ALREADY.
with a good friend
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
IT'S THANKS TO AKITO.
OH...
YEP!
IT'S NOTHING.
THANK YOU.....
YOU GAVE ME THAT PUSH, REMEMBER?

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Huh . ?
Don't tell me ...
He is hiding?
じわ
Woah
THUMP
THUMP
I made me want to ...
... tell him my feelings ...
waver
I wonder if he'd be troubled if I did
THUMP
THUMP
so cute.
HIRO.
RUI!
morrin

run run
BOSA
!?
EH ...!
SLIP
HIRO ...
THUD
!
HIRO ...!
EEP ...
pant pant
sweat

realizes
...
sorry!
Sor—
ARE YOU OK?
....?
Hiro_?
YEAH, I'M TOTALLY FINE!!
YOU DIDN'T SPRAIN YOUR ANKLE OR ANYTHING, HAVE YOU?
HIRO— ARE YOU OK?


Oh, it's at the back. It might be good
I'm not very lucky with raffles, aren't I?
opens
yeah
huh...?
That's right
WE ARE FINE JUST THE WAY IT IS
EH
I'LL GO... TO THE WINDOW FIRST!

I wanted to be around that area.
HIRO
AKIO
We are in the back and we sit next to each other— it's probably going to be a lot of fun!
46 9 (YOROSHIKU)* AGAIN, RUI-CHAN!
I'M LUCKY WITH RAFFLES, AREN'T I?!

TN: PLAY ON WORDS, RATHER NUMBERS. JAPANESE LIKE MAKING WORDS OUT OF SERIES OF NUMBERS. 4 = YO/YON, 6 IS ROKU, ANOTHER READING FOR 9 IS SHU, 9 IS KU, THEREBY GETTING YOROSHIKU.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THIS
HEY RUI-CHAN. YOU LISTENING?
EH?
.....
OUR SEATS ARE FAR AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, HUH?
YEAH...
I WANT TO SWITCH SEATS WITH TAGUCHI.
HA HA HA.
I WISH I WAS NEAR YOU AND AKITO.
AH...
OH, YEAH... YOU AND AKITO ARE CLOSE, HUH?

ARE YOU GUYS ARE GOING OUT?
ACTUALLY, BY ANY CHANCE
.....
SHAKE
.....
huh?
DO YOU LIKE ... AKITO ...?
Hiro
...
then
thump
DOES AKITO-KUN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
thump
I THINK HE DOESN'T HAVE ONE
THAT MEANS I ALSO HAVE A CHANCE, RIGHT?!
hmm!
...! I SEE!

CHATTER
CHATTER
IT LOOKS LIKE I LIKE HIM.
YEP.
BAM
NANA!
PLEASE BELIEVE ME! I REALLY DIDN'T
I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
HUH?! DON'T BLAME SOMEONE ELSE!
NO...!
I WAS INVITED TO HANGOUT WITH 4 PEOPLE AND...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU BETRAYED YOUR GOOD FRIEND!
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?!

I TRUSTED YOU, RUI ...
HIRO!
Sniff.
Hiro ...
became Nana

I never want to feel like that again
ITS TRUE
NO WAY
HEY! THERE'S NO WAY, HUH? RUI?
AH
RUI
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
Y-YEAH
RUI-CHAN, YOU, TOO? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

Clinch
MAYBE YOU HAVE A FEVER
HUH? OH YEAH
I'M FINE. IT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL.
ARE YOU OK? DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THE INFIRMARY?
HIRO
...
IM OK

EH?!
HEY
CAN YOU TEACH HER THIS TRANSLA-TION?
AKITO IS BETTER IN ENGLISH THAN ME
AKITO!
ERR
UMM
HEY, RUI DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TRANSLATION?
IT'S OK TO JUST TEACH ME WHAT YOU KNOW
THANKS. I OWE YOU.
I LEARNT A LOT, TOO
NOW, TOMORROW WHATEVER THE TEACHER ASKS ME I'LL BE FINE
shake
ha ha ha
I DUNNO, YOU MIGHT BE WRONG
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.

RUI?
I FORGOT SOMETHING
OK, WE'LL WAIT HERE THEN
OH, IT'S OK..GO AHEAD!
HUH?
Don't leave me, ok?
.....
DID YOU FIND IT?

I told her to have nothing to do with me...
!?
"WHO KNOWS?" WHY
WHO KNOWS
WHY — EH?
AKITO ...?!
WHERE'S HIIRO?!
EEP
YOU'RE LYING ABOUT FORGETTING SOMETHING.
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO ASK.
I SWEAR I'M NOT GOING BACK ON MY WORD
I-IT'S NOT A LIE ...
ACTUALLY, YOU ARE ACTING WEIRD.
I DON'T THINK. IT'S POSSIBLE BUT...
.....
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

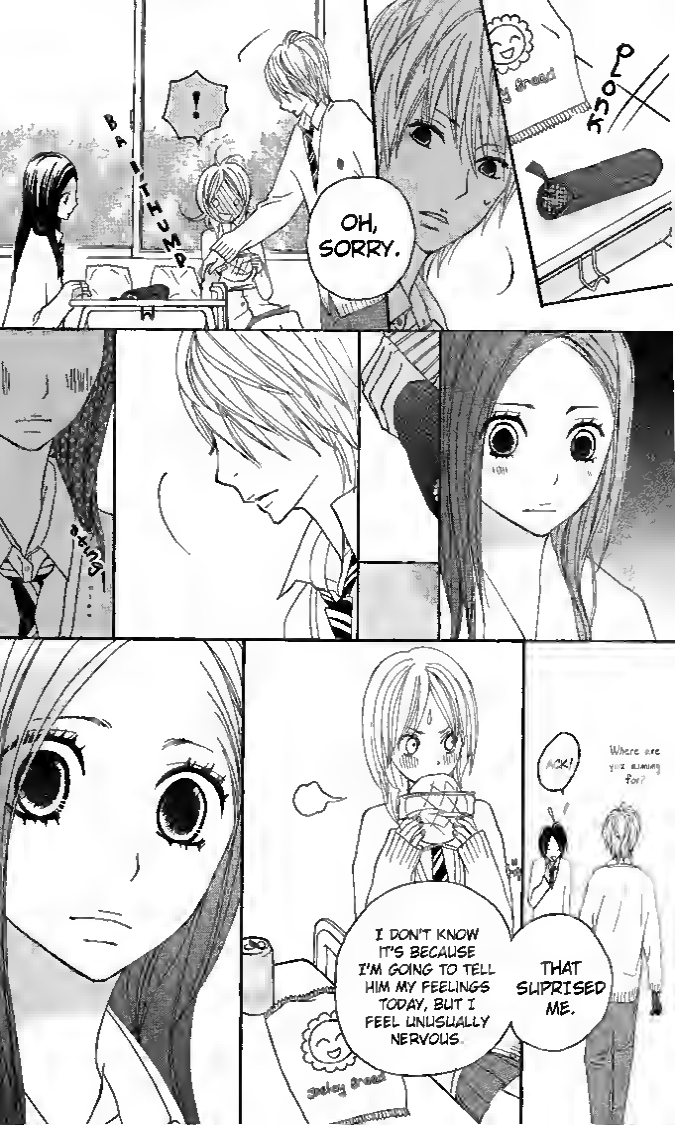
FLINCH
REALIZES
NO WAY
YOU ARE NOT TRYING TO PUT ME AND UENO TOGETHER, ARE YOU?
DON'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT
I haven't yet thought to do that
I just
HIRO IS A REALLY NICE GIRL
BUT
I THOUGHT YOU GUYS LOOKED GOOD TOGETHER.
I'M TELLING YOU No!
nice or not!

I DON'T WANT TO BE TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THIS BY A GIRL I LIKE.
I DIDN'T BUY THAT STRAP BY ACCIDENT.
NO WAY
huh...?

did
feel
the
same
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU.
...
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE
...
but

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ... HIRO ...
THAT'S ...!
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY

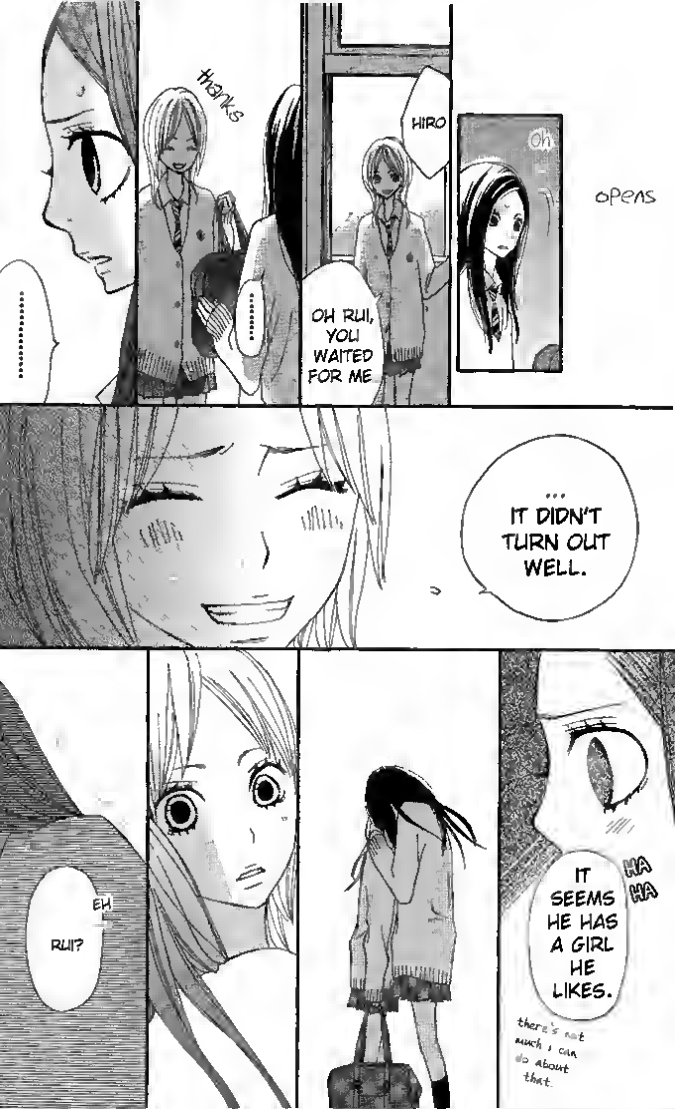
Chatter
Chatter
I-B
R
IP
YOU JUST GOT PRAISED SAYING YOUR ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS ARE PERFECT
I'M GLAD YOU PREPARED YESTERDAY.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO AKITO-KUN, ISN'T IT?
AH!
FINE ...
Akito ...


!
BA-THUMP
OH, SORRY.
ROCK
PAPER
SCISSORS
daisy dread
dang...
ACK!
Where are you going for?
I DON'T KNOW IT'S BECAUSE I'M GOING TO TELL HIM MY FEELINGS TODAY, BUT I FEEL UNUSUALLY NERVOUS.
THAT SURPRISED ME.
daisy dread

RATTLE
... TODAY ?!
SHOCK
TOO AY
Actually I was thinking of telling him after school
I've always liked
After yesterday today is
? WHY?
A little later would be
I THINK ... IT'S BETTER NOT TO DO IT TODAY ...!
TELL HIM ...?
Just
EH?
now
YOU SEE, I'M THE TYPE TO KEEP HIDING MY FEELINGS.
PLUS, I WANT THE PERSON TO KNOW MY FEELINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF THEY DON'T FEEL THE SAME I WANT TO MOVE ON QUICKLY, TOO
.....

Hiro
I didn't tell her
"good luck!"
Zip
I just don't know
It's not like it's not possible
It might work out well

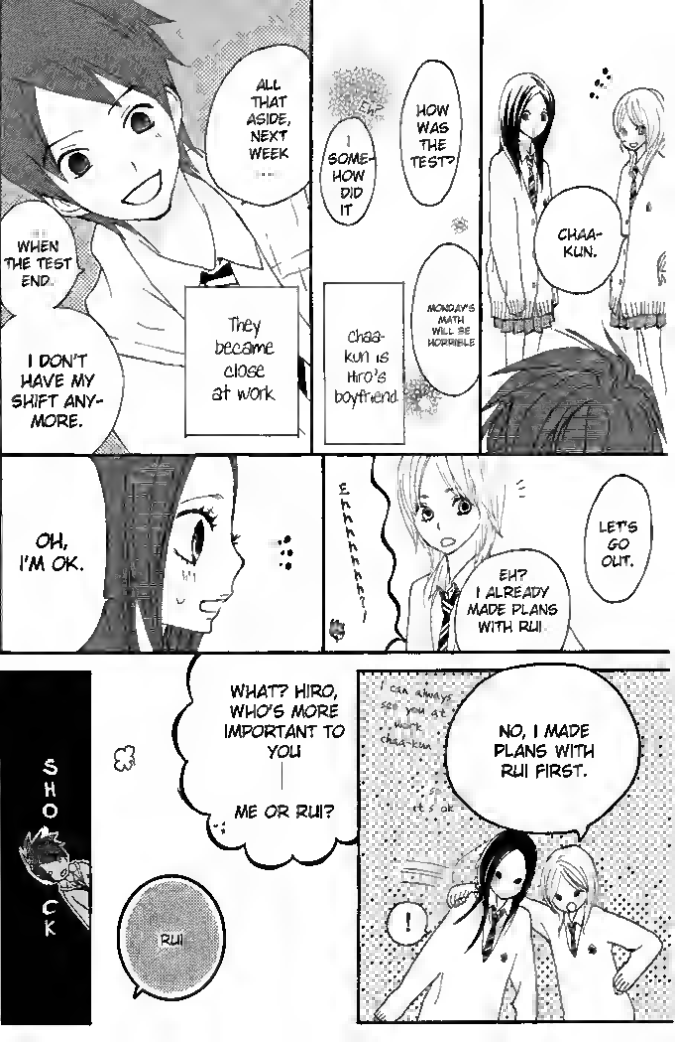
I don't know -
what I should do -
SQUEEZE!
throb
throb
!!!!
It's too painful
I can't take it anymore
My head is all messed up -


thanks
HIRO
Oh
opens
.....
OH RUI, YOU WAITED FOR ME
.....
... IT DIDN'T TURN OUT WELL.
HA HA
IT SEEMS HE HAS A GIRL HE LIKES.
there's not much I can do about that
EH
RUI?

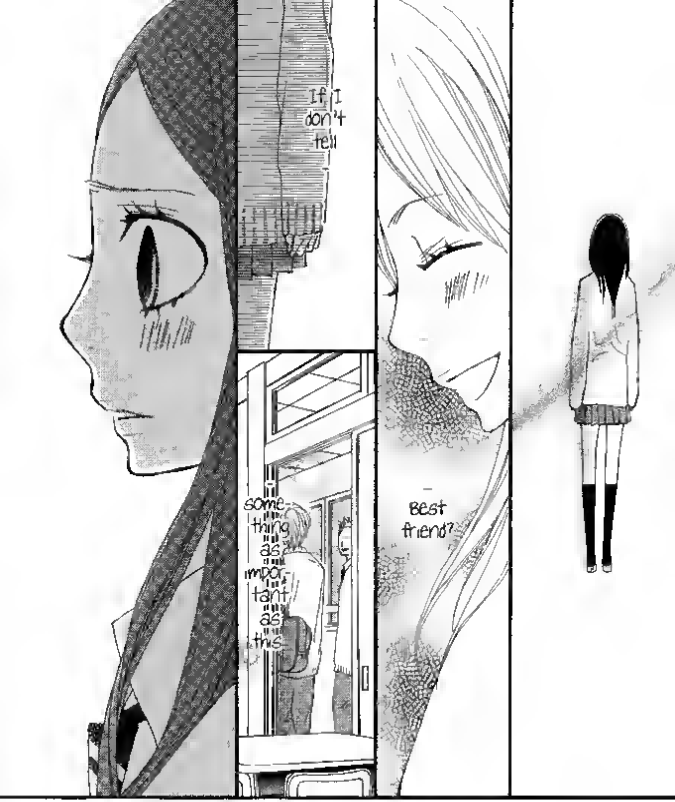
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
HA HA
I'm sorry
I'm so sorry
THANK YOU.
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
.....

chatter
chatter
chatter
I have free time
It's finished
It's finished
- After that -
ONE MONTH LATER
Hiro and Akito became completely and normally friends
STAND!
BOW!
RUI ...
... SO DID YOU DO OK?

... HEY ...
YEAH... SOMEHOW
YOU GUYS SHOULD HURRY UP AND MAKE UP
... ARE YOU GUYS STILL FIGHTING?
Akito is avoiding me
OPEN
HIRO ...
If it was just a normal night
It would've been good
.....


ALL THAT ASIDE, NEXT WEEK
WHEN THE TEST END.
I DON'T HAVE MY SHIFT ANY-MORE.
They became close at work
Eh?
I SOME-HOW DID IT
HOW WAS THE TEST?
Chaa-kun is Hiro's boyfriend
MONDAY'S MATH WILL BE HORRIBLE
CHAA-KUN.
OH, I'M OK.
EHHHHHHH?
EH? I ALREADY MADE PLANS WITH RUI.
LET'S GO OUT.
SHOCK
WHAT? HIRO, WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU
ME OR RUI?
RUI
I can always see you at work, Chaa-kun
it's ok
NO, I MADE PLANS WITH RUI FIRST.

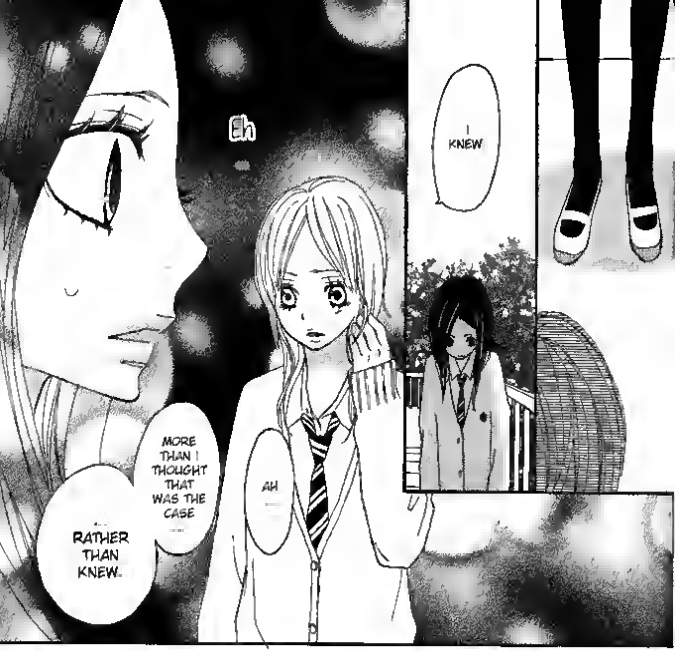
BECAUSE RUI IS ...
... MY BEST FRIEND!
THEY MADE UP
Just Jakiru chan-kun.
You are also very impor-tant.
Did you believe me?
Hahaha
Oh I'll leave it
So Yamashita-kun?

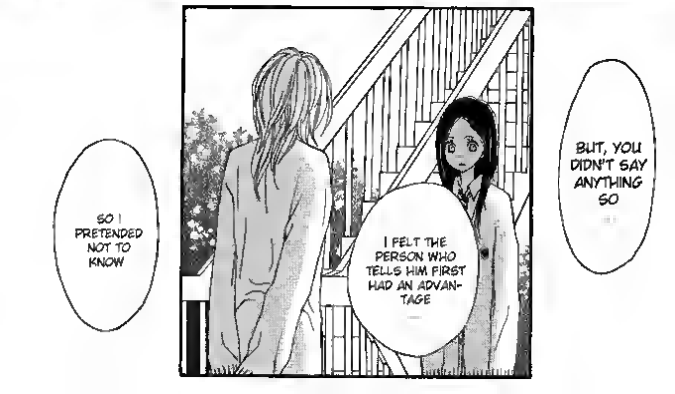

If I don't tell
Best friend?
something as important as this

HIRO ...
can someone like me be a best friend

Gubu!
EH!?
HEY... RUI?!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. COME!
WHAT'S WRONG?
If I
continue
HIRO
I'VE HELD IT IN ALL THIS TIME, BUT ...
we might
have fun and hang-out

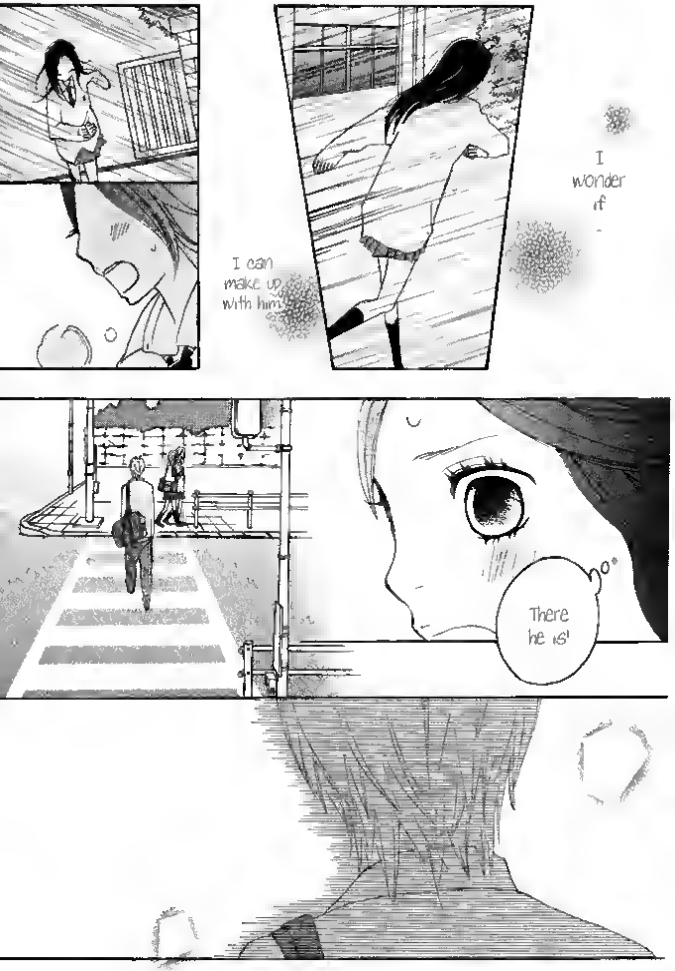
WAY BEFORE ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL...
I ALSO LIKED AKITO.
BUT
I'M SORRY THAT...
I DIDN'T TELL YOU BEFORE...
chatter
chatter


Eh
I KNEW
AH
MORE THAN I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE CASE
RATHER THAN KNEW.


I FELT THE PERSON WHO TELLS HIM FIRST HAD AN ADVANTAGE
SO I PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW
BUT, YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING SO

SORRY.
I'M ALSO
SWISH
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!
OH, DEAR
SOB
SOB
I'M SORRY~~
There's no reason to apologize!
The tears are falling because I'm so happy
I HAVE CHAA'KUN, YOU KNOW?!
WAIT, RUI ...
HAVE YOU BEEN WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT ALL THIS TIME?

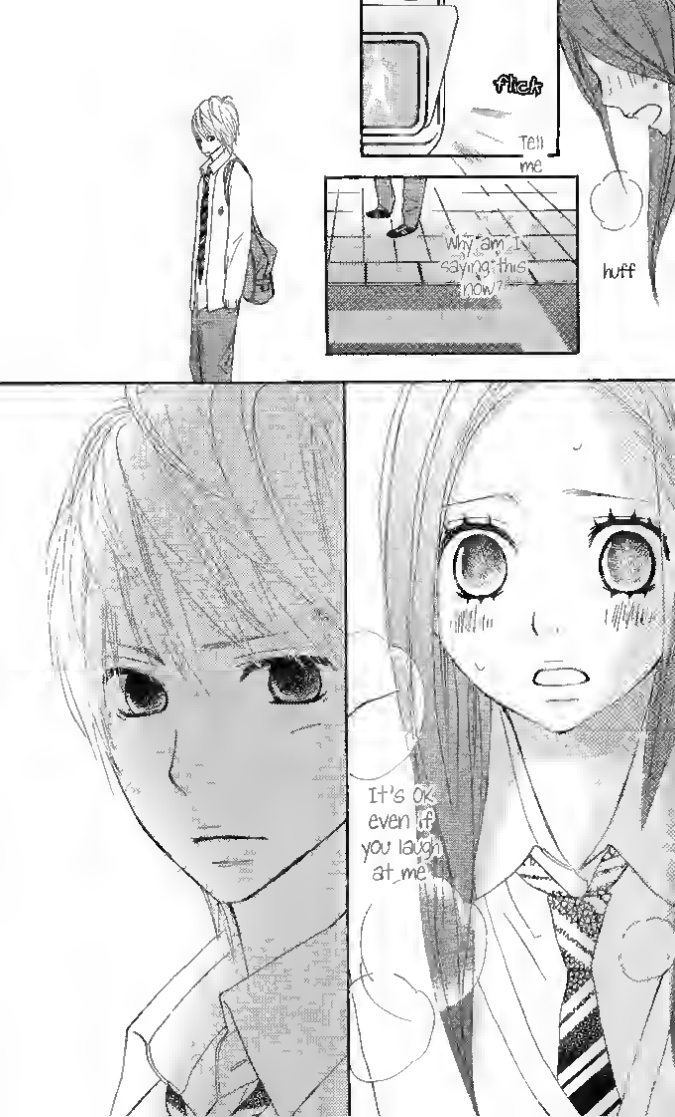
IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THIS, THEN ...
SLAAAAP
OWW!
... GO AND MAKE UP!
WITH AKITO!
Hiro


I can make up with him.
I wonder if -
There he is!

Even if I'm late!
AKITO!
I have something -

Oh,
BROOM!!
Turns away
OH?!
DEJECTED
That I'm here because
Akito has supported me
...
AKITO!

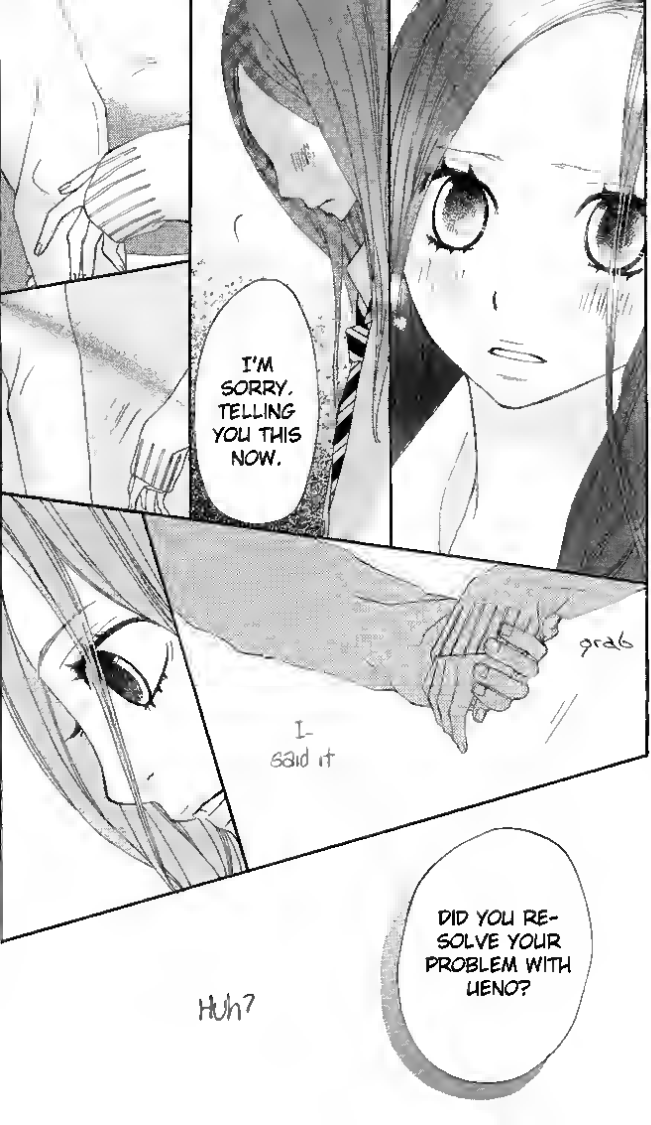
"I've always liked-"
That when he told me that
AKITO!
I was really happy
AKITO!
AKITO


flick
Tell me
Why am I saying this now?
huff
It's OK even if you laugh at me

I want to tell you
OH!
... OW ...
AH! SORRY!
But she doesn't let go
.....
Squeeze

... WHAT ...?
... LOOKING SO FRAN-TIC ...
squeeze
NOT REALLY
.....
because
I FEEL LIKE ... YOU'LL RUN AWAY AGAIN ...
Thump
"I'm scared
tell the person your feelings
scary
thump

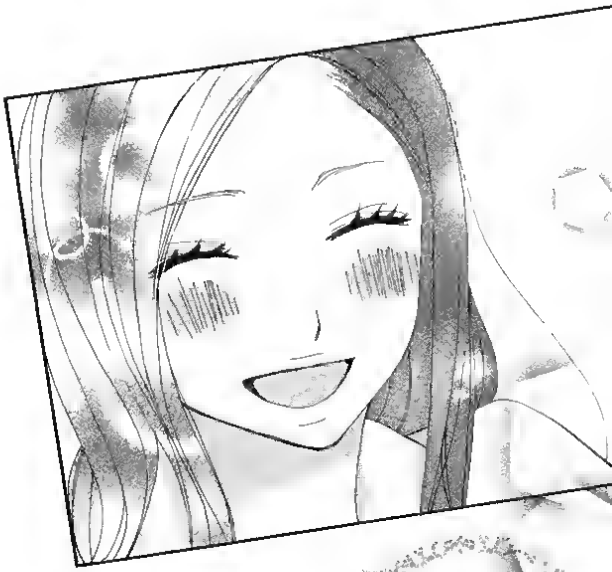
I'VE ALWAYS ...
with Hiro
and Akito
Is this my feelings...
... LIKED YOU, AKITO.


I'M SORRY. TELLING YOU THIS NOW.
grab
I- said it
DID YOU RE-SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM WITH UENO?
Huh?

I don't want to lose Hiro
YEAH ...
I SEE.
I'M GLAD.

I WAS THINKING WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M MADE TO WAIT LONGER.
WAIT, YOU DIDN'T HATE ME?
WHY?
YOU WERE ALWAYS AVOIDING ME ...
OH.
I THOUGHT IF I MIGHT SEEM THOUGHTLESS TO UENO, AND THAT WOULD BE BAD.
YOU JUST RAN AWAY FROM ME!
THAT'S 'CAUSE
IT SEEMED THAT UENO WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN ME ...
THAT DIDN'T FEEL GOOD SO ...

IT'S OK. WE ARE TOGETHER.
BE-CAUSE ...
.....
... SORRY ...
... FROM NOW ON, WE DON'T HAVE TO HOLD OURSELVES BACK FOR OTHER PEOPLE.



Yeah.

I forgot my bag in the classroom

《The End》

SO, STAND BY ME
BENKYOU NO JIKAN
MANGA BY
MINAMI TOUKO
CAN: AI
QC: AI
DSHI MANGA
WWW.NAGARE-BOSHI.NET

7 years ago, they suddenly appeared in front of my eyes
LOOK SAKUMI
They're also the same age
WAA, SUCH CUTE TWINS!
WE'VE JUST MOVED TO THIS FLOOR. I'M OKUMURA PLEASED TO MEET YOU
THANK YOU FOR VISITING. I'M SAITOU PLEASED TO MEET YOU TOO
There are two
SAKUMI -CHAN
Of the same faces
MEET THE OLDER BROTHER SOUTA, & THE YOUNGER BROTHER RYOUTA

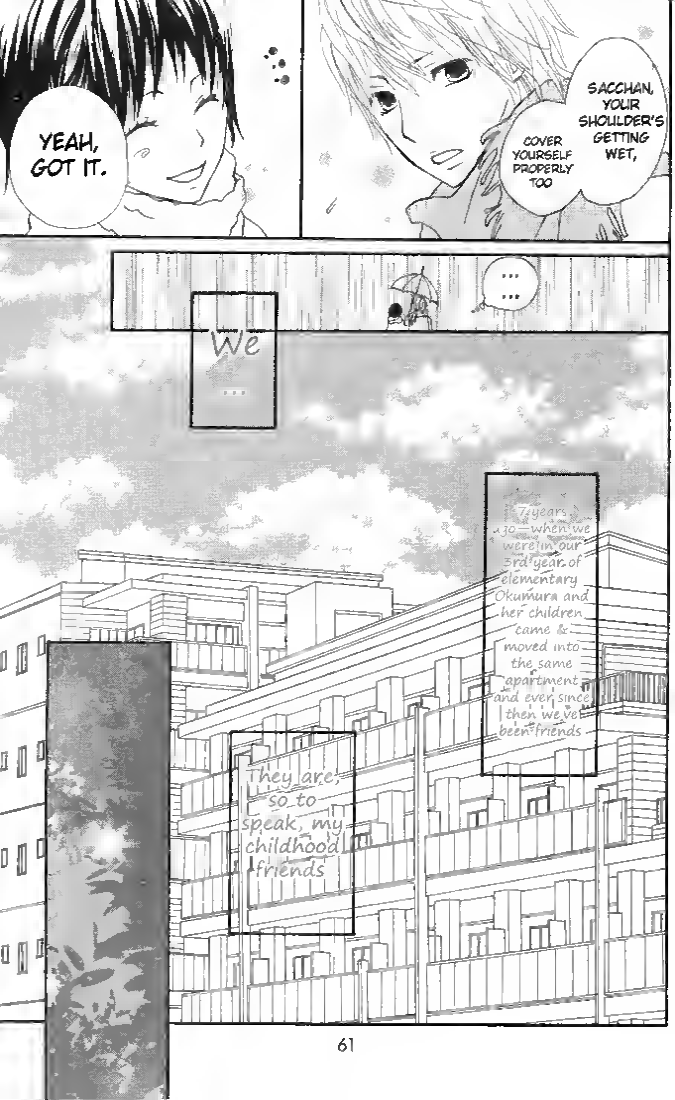
So, Stand By Me
ソー
スタンド
バイ
ミー

It's the last one of the limited cutlet sandwich!
AH
Ah

Aunty
It's not like you're sorry or anything
YEAH
SAKUMI
SOUTA WAS FASTER HUH!
I'LL GIVE IT TO RYOUTA.
SERIOUSLY?
I GUESS IT'S COME TO THIS, AFTER ALL.
.....
THEN I'LL TAKE IT.
I DIDN'T BRING AN UMBRELLA.
AH, IT STARTED RAINING.
YOU...
On such a rainy looking day

I came to the same high school because I wanted to be with Souta right?
I HAVE A PLACE I NEED TO DROP BY, SO... SAKUMI, CAN YOU...
A PLACE YOU HAVE TO DROP BY?
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
Well
Heavy Sound
YEAH, SORT OF.
AH, SOUTA!
...What's up with that?
Even though we're in separate classes as it is
HOW BORING
...What does he mean "sort of"
WELL
I HAVEN'T EXACTLY CONFESSED

TODAY I ALREADY GOT MISTAKEN FOR SOUTA TWICE.
Eh
THAT'S A LOT HUH?
RYOU-CHAN
AS I THOUGHT, IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF I WENT TO ANOTHER SCHOOL.
Eh, You were thinking of doing some weird shit?
WHY DID YOU GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL?
....
WHO KNOWS...
...?
When I was a child,
I also mistook the two


YEAH, GOT IT.
SACCHAN, YOUR SHOULDER'S GETTING WET,
COVER YOURSELF PROPERLY TOO
...
...
We
...
7 years ago—when we were in our 3rd year of elementary Okumura and her children came & moved into the same apartment and ever since then we've been friends
They are, so to speak, my childhood friends

It doesn't seem like I have to worry about rain because today it's warm
ACHOO
...NO
I DON'T THINK SO.
REALLY? DID YOU NOT DRY YOURSELF OFF PROPERLY YESTERDAY?
...
WHAT ABOUT YOU SACCHAN, WERE YOU OKAY?
YEAH.

HE STARTED A PART-TIME JOB YESTERDAY. SO HE WENT TO BED LATE.
EH---- THAT'S WEIRD FOR SOUTA TO SLEEP IN
HE WAS TIRED SO HE TOOK A LATER TRAIN
EH?
IF IT'S SOUTA YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, HE'S NOT COMING AGAIN
YEAH
ME TOO
I didn't know
What!? I didn't hear anything about that!!
...WHAT JOB?
A FAMILY RESTAURANT
It's not like we
AH PUTTING THAT ASIDE
...talked about everything but

that we can talk about normally
when we see each other
Sasak...
Hey~ Sasahara
Hey
How long was it?
It is a really touch...
WHAT?
EVEN THOUGH I'VE BEEN CALLING YOUR NAME, YOU DIDN'T NOTICE
AH AH SORRY

RYOU-CHAN
YOUR COLLAR IS WEIRD
Your necktie's coming out.
EH
NO,
NOT THERE-
unintentionally started thinking too much
HM?
Here!
STAY STILL.
OK
I FIXED
SOMEHOW, YOU'RE...
----NO.
----WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?

HUH!?
LIKE A MOTHER.
SAKUMI
Facing a young 16 year old lady and calling her a mother
So rude
SOUTA
DID YOU JUST ARRIVE?
YEAH
AS I THOUGHT. IT'S HARD TAKING THE NEXT TRAIN

HERE
GIVE THIS TO RYOUTA
?
IT'S A JERSEY
HE FORGOT AND LEFT IT BEHIND IN THE ENTRANCE WAY
Ryou-chan
ALRIGHT
I'll leave it to you then
Souta is def'n tely
the older brother
AH RYOUTA-KUN---
TAGUCHI-KUN IS CALLING YOU?
MIKI-CHAN
THIS IS SOUTA ---
Eh!?
Sorry
AH SOUTA!
SEE YA

FROM TODAY ON YOUR MOM IS ON A BUSINESS TRIP, RIGHT?
MOM ASKED WHAT YOU WANTED FOR DINNER.
AH, I HAVE TO WORK PART-TIME.
and I'm getting out
IT'LL JUST BE RYOUTA, SORRY.
Eh!?
AH
SOUTA !?

I wonder why

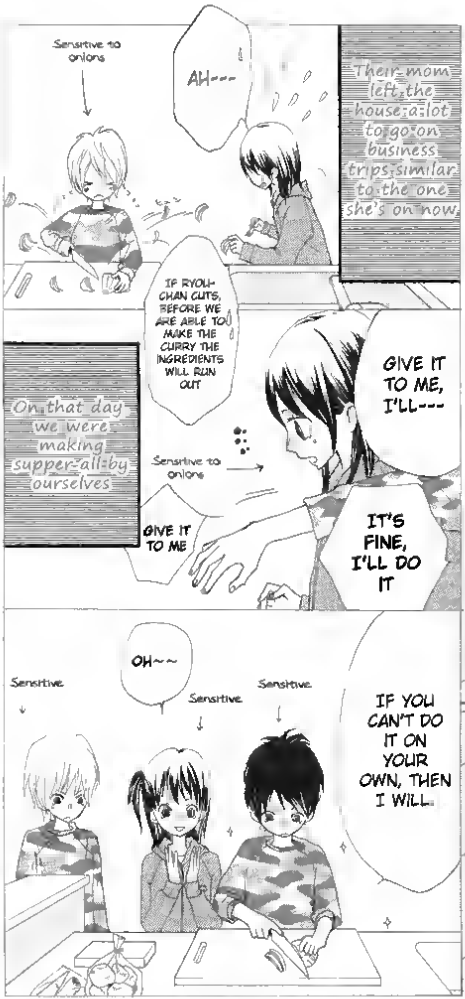
somehow lately,

it seems that I'm being separated from Ryouta.

WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER THEY WERE A LOT MORE ALIKE.
THEY HAD THE SAME HAIR STYLES, AND PERSONALITIES TOO---
How~~?
I GUESS SO---
I THINK THEY ARE FAIRLY DIFFERENT NOW, THOUGH
THE THINGS THEY LIKED OVERLAPPED,
AND THEY OFTEN GOT INTO FIGHTS
Next is R-you're--
EH HOW UNEXPECTED ~~
EVEN I WASN'T ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO

So, Stand By Me

Hurry up!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYOUTA -------?
!
RYOU-CHAN----
ARE YOUR EYES OPEN!?
SORRY
Don't sleep in gym
In truth,
...
It seems that the feeling

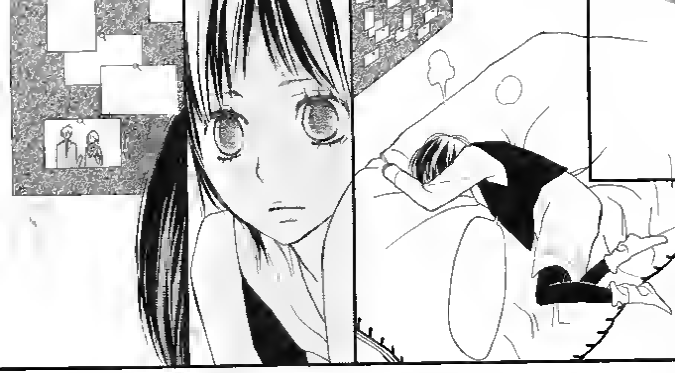

Sensitive to onions
AH---
Their mom left the house a lot to go on business trips similar to the one she's on now.
IF RYOU-CHAN CUTS, BEFORE WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE CURRY THE INGREDIENTS WILL RUN OUT
GIVE IT TO ME, I'LL---
On that day we were making supper all by ourselves
Sensitive to onions
GIVE IT TO ME
IT'S FINE, I'LL DO IT
- 6 years previous -
OH~~
Sensitive
Sensitive
Sensitive
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ON YOUR OWN, THEN I WILL

...in Ryou-chan's right hand index finger has de-clined.

Get off of me....
Give it---
YOU'RE BAD AT IT!
That hurts
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SOUTA !?
You're always taking the good parts
I WAS DOING IT!!
GO AWAY!
It's faster if I do it!
Stop ---
Enough ---
You're fighting again
SHUT UP
DON'T SCREW AROUND~~!!

RYOUTA !!
Ryou chan's finger was severely cut
From that day on wards
Those two stopped quarrel-ling
Mm~~~

RYOU-CHAN, I LOVE IT CAUSE YOU ALWAYS EAT WITH GREAT RELISH!
TOH
WITH SUKIYAKI IT'S SOMETIMES HIT OR MISS WITH HER COOKING, THOUGH
Tatsumi (Sawumi's mother-in-law)
I'm glad~~~~
As always, Sacchan's mom's cooking is delicious!
IT'S ALRIGHT
Eat all you want
I THOUGHT SOU-CHAN WAS COMING SO THERE'S STILL SOME MORE MEAT
Just for that you gotta eat a ton
SACCHAN ARE YOU EATING?
Do you have enough meat?
YEAH
Don't mess with me old lady!
Papa~~ Don't take all the meat
FEEL FREE TO EAT, RYOU-CHAN. .
SOUTA...
Even though I wanted Sou-chan to eat it's a shame
Feed me
PLAY THE GAME IN MODERATION
'KAY ---
Thank you very much for the meal
Hurry up & come
RYOUTA? LET'S HAVE A MATCH--
He's in the middle of his job at this time



EVEN YOUR BUTTONS---!?
WHAT'S WRONG SOUTA?, YOU'LL LOOK RAGGED
THE SAME THING WITH RYOUTA
THEY TOOK THEM ALL, I WAS HUNTED DOWN!

EH---- DIDN'T I SAY I WANTED YOUR SECOND BUTTON AS A MOMENTO!?
SORRY, SORRY ---THEN, I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING ELSE INSTEAD
...LET'S TAKE A PICTURE!
IF IT'S A PHOTO, THEN WHEN RYOUTA COMES THE 3 OF US
WE'LL TAKE ONE LIKE THAT TOO BUT
LET'S TAKE ONE WITH JUST US TWO.

Souta come over here
We'll take it over here
Hey, hey
Can you take a picture?
I started to like
I wonder when
He probably hasn't noticed
the Souta that gave Ryou-chan priority over me
In
My feelings or anything
SAKUMI

Ryou-chan,
We're almost there so hang in there!
Move your feet!
Sound asleep
Before you become sleepy do something by yourselves
Ryou-chan and Taku-nii both
My god!
WHERE'S THE KEY?
AH, THE KEY
!
SAKUMI ?
No,
RYOU-CHA----N, THE KEY-------

Souta!
Welcome back...
...WHAT'S UP
with that
Mn

...
=
EH---

ARE YOU ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH EV ERYTHING AT YOUR JOB?
FOR THE TIME BEING, I'VE LEARNED THE BASICS
I WAS WORKING PART TIME OVER AT THAT PLACE
SORRY ABOUT THAT
NOT AT ALL

You're good at remembering things huh Souta
AH, TOMORROW YOU'RE COMING OVER RIGHT?
I WORK TOMORROW TOO
WHAT !?
THEN WHEN ....
IN OTHER WORDS, I'M GOING TO STOP GOING TO YOUR HOUSE
EH
... WHY ?
NOT THAT BUT
BECAUSE OF YOUR JOB?
IT'S NOT GOOD TO HAVE DINNER AT YOUR HOUSE EVERY TIME MY MOTHER GOES ON A BUSINESS TRIP
It's enough! Don't worry about that!

MY MOM LOOKS FORWARD TO YOU GUYS COMING OVER...
!?

WHEN WAS IT THAT I CAME HOME...
...
...
My room?
WHERE
...
HUH
...

...
THERE
...
ARE YOU OK?

SOUTA
just_my imagination right?
The feeling that we're going to be separated is
SOUTA
I-----

Ryou-chan!
Wah----------
you
You were awake!?
Were we too loud!
Wah----------
MY THROAT
WAS DRY ...
Is, is that so?
...

SAKUMI CARRIED YOU HERE

IT'S GETTING LATE SO IT'S PROBABLY BEST IF YOU WENT HOME NOW
Thanks again
Yeah!!
Not at all
SORRY, THANKS ...
Goodnight----!
Thanks to Ryouta coming,
I was saved

Too bad...
YEAH
YEAH I'LL EAT & THEN COME HOME
YEAH
See you later
Even though Saitoh-san's mom and Tatsumi are quite a solid combination
IS IT OKAY?
Eh-- Even Ryou-chan can't come!?
IS WHAT SHE SAID
I was so late, I don't want it to be just me and Tatsumi
That aside...
Where are we going?
Um
I'm not
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!
You didn't have to come with me
RYOU-CHAN COULD'VE WENT HOME
Are you gonna flip out or consider soon or something?

WELCO-----
WELCOME
MENU
Kya-----
It's a chocolate fest
It looks delicious-----♥
IT'S HARD TO DECIDE!
SO IT'S LIKE THIS...
EH, WHAT?
NOT YET...
RYOU-CHAN HAVE YOU DECIDED?
YOU'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THE MENU!
SOUTA-----

This is how so please be careful when you eat
SOU-CHAAAN Our order—
Souta! He—y
So—
oo—
te—
SOUTA-!
I AM
You have delivery
Come to kitchen me
IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK!
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS HAVE YOU DECIDED UPON YOUR ORDER?
And here's me—
AH.....YOUR ATTITUDE IS BAD, SERVER!
Somehow
HE ALREADY GIVES OFF THE FEELING THAT HE'S EXPERI-ENCED
SOUTA, THAT IS.
. . BECAUSE HE'S ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING RIGHT AWAY

SOUTA WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO DO WITH SUCCESS
ALL THE THINGS THAT I COULDN'T DO UNLESS I PRACTICED
My parents said that he was the first to stand up and the first to talk
It seems that Ryouta did everything before me
IS THAT SO?
SOUTA WAS ABLE TO DO IT ALL BEFORE ME
BEING ABLE TO WRITE, BEING ABLE TO RIDE A BIKE...
YEAH
HE'S SKILLED
Yeah, Yeah,
AND RYOU-CHAN HAS ALOT OF THINGS THAT HE'S BECOME VERY GOOD AT----------
EVEN IN BASKETBALL, THE POINT-GETTER WAS RYOU-CHAN!
AND THE VAULTING BOXES TOO
GETTING THE BEST TIME FOR SHORT-DISTANCE
LIKE GETTING A PRIZE FOR NEW YEAR'S CALLIGRAPHY
EH...

REMEMBER QUITE WELL
YOU..
THAT'S BECAUSE----
ISN'T THAT SAKAGUCHI?
HM?
THAT GIRL I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
YOU KNOW HER!?
Eh---- So they even work together
SHE'S A GIRL IN SOUTA'S CLASS

I have ....
a bad feeling .....

Just a sec
I'M GOING TO DROP OFF MY BAG,
SURE
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE DOOR'S UNLOCKED-------
A girl's loafers
SOUTA, ARE YOU HOME-----?

WELCOME BACK-----
HELLO-- SORRY FOR INTRUDING
With looking closely you both look alike
I invited Miyabi over
HUH. SAKAGUCHI-SAN?
Yeah.
I DECIDED TO MAKE DINNER
ALTHOUGH OKUMURA MIGHT BE MORE SKILLED AT COOKING THAN ME
Home cook-ing...
EH-----

It's just like that
BEFORE THIS I CONFESSED---
NO WAY
YEAH
YOU TWO---
---...?
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT

I see
AH....

It can't be!
WHAT ARE YOU MAKING?
...THEN,
I GUESS WE SHOULD GET GOING SOON...
I'LL HELP TOO
Eh, wait
Sa-Sacchan!?
YOU TWO GO OVER THERE
RYOU-CHAN, SOUTA..
mmm

I just
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
AH. THE POT TO BOIL THE PASTA
I just can't
IT'S OVER HERE
THANK YOU------
YEAH
I TOOK OUT THE KITCHEN KNIFE
believe this
The time is here
Ok
HERE'S HOW YOU USE THE STOVE-----
this has to be

EH, ARE YOU USING THOSE?
Some kind of joke...
???
I got it
WHAT IF WE MADE COD ROE?
There was some in the fridge
.....I.....
GUESS SO—
.....
EH..!
UM... ... YEAH ?
SOUTA .....
CAN'T HANDLE SPICY THINGS YOU KNOW?

THE WAY TO MAKE COD ROE IS TO....
LEAVE IT TO ME, I'LL DO IT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SAKUM!
.....
REALLY?
YEAH
I'M FINE WITH IT NOW!
SAYING I CAN'T HANDLE SPICY THINGS, THAT'S TALK FROM WHEN WE WERE KIDS

So,
MAKE IT, SAKAGUCHI
The timer
AH THE PASTA
AH
IT'S ALRIGHT
I'LL DO IT----------!
This has to be a joke....

Hot!
SAKU ...
SACCHAN!!
HURRY, WATER!!

.....
ARE YOU AL....
AH--------!
OUR FIRST AID KIT HAS NEARLY NOTHING IN IT.
...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?

LATER THEN WE'LL GO TREAT IT AT SACCHAN'S PLACE
RYOUTA---
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE
See ya
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FOR THE TIME BEING IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO KEEP IT UNDER COLD WATER FOR A BIT MORE
"SAYING I CAN'T HANDLE SPICY THINGS... THAT'S TALK FROM WHEN WE WERE KIDS..."
Always lying

But even still
Even for sushi he leaves out the wasabi
Even now he doesn't take shichimi or tabasco
He also can't eat pep-pers
IT BURNS...

...
Sakumi
See how this tastes
How is it?
Delicious
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL
SEE YOU AGAIN, RYOU-CHAN
Good night
SACCHAN, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE ME OFF
IT'S COLD SO YOU SHOULD GO INSIDE
YEAH
.....
IT'S NOT THAT FAR, ANY-WAY.
RYOU-CHAN

um...
NEVER MIND
...
YEAH ?
Ryou-chan
Today,
Thank you
For accompanying me

WHAT'S WRONG ?
?
Sakumi
...Eh...

I'LL
ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE

GOOD NIGHT
Ryou ... chan ...?

Oh
SHE'S HERE
THAT WAS FAST
GOOD MORNING
IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO SLEEP IN!
IF I HADN'T TEXTED HER SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY LATE
Whose fault do you think it is that I couldn't sleep...
...but...

I think it's been a long time since
We've been like this
By the way
SAKUMI, HOW'S YOUR BURN?
EH?
AH, IT'S PERFECTLY FINE
Look
IT'S BECAUSE WE KEPT IT UNDER THE COLD WATER FOR A LONG TIME
YEAH
THAT'S GREAT
I SEE
He was worried for me...
...

GOOD MORNING
SAKAGUCHI
AH, SAITOU-SAN
GOOD MORNING
THANK YOU FOR HELPING
IT WAS PRETTY WELL DONE, RIGHT?
LOOK, LOOK
.....
AH... I WANT TO SEE IT TOO!
!!?
YEAH
LOOK, LOOK

SORRY
AH
SORRY
SORRY
EH
AH
THANK YOU...
WHY DID OKUMURA APOLOGIZE?
...

Sakumi---
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT
I WANT...JUST THE TWO OF US TO TALK A BIT
Souta
Eh...
Does that mean-----!?
IT'S ABOUT RYOUTA THOUGH
Aha haha ha!
HOW IS HE IN CLASS?
EH?

HE'S TOTALLY NORMAL.
No one has even noticed
DOES HE SEEM INCONVENIENCED BY HIS HAND?
He's looking back at this morning----
...I SEE
...
Even though
That should be known by the Souta who watches him the closest
.HE CAN'T REACT QUICKLY WHEN HE'S RELAXING
THINGS LIKE THAT HAPPEN ONCE IN A WHILE ...
BUT NOW RYOU-CHAN IS AMBIDEX-TROUS

?
He's worrying again...
I DON'T WANT HER TO STEAL HIM AWAY EVEN FOR MY LIFE.....
ALL OF IT
I CONFESSED TO HIM QUICKLY TOO
...I OFFERED HIM THE JOB

EVEN STILL I DON'T HAVE THE FEELING THAT I'VE WON AT ALL
I WONDER WHY OKUMURA AGREED
SAKUMI--
RYOUTA FORGOT HIS CELLPHONE
He just kept so cute and deliver it
I'M NOT A DELIVERY GIRL
It's open
RYO------
SOUTA

WORRYING ABOUT ME, WERE YOU TRYING TO DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM SACCHAN?
Me?
...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
It's no good
...I'M JUST ASKING.
If I listen
SOUTA, THE TRUTH IS
No...
THAT YOU DON'T REALLY LIKE THAT GIRL, ISN'T IT?

You have mail!
You have mail!!
UWah

EH?
Shi...
Saechan!
SAKUMI

Does Ryou-chan know some-thing... .....!?

"SOUTA, THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU DON'T REALLY LIKE THAT GIRL ISN'T IT?"

What does that mean?

"WE'RE YOU TRYING TO DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM SACCHAN?"

I shouldn't put my nose into it...
This is Souta's personal business and all
This isn't good after all
No
Ryou-chan should be coming out soon...
RYOU-CHAN!
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY WHAT YOU SAID YES . . .
Contradiction

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UMURA
Souta!!
IF IT'S RYOUTA YOU'RE LOOKING FOR
HE LEFT QUITE A WHILE AGO
Ack!
Hiding myself and then spying
_the the mood is bad
He ran away
Is that so_
TH--
THAT'S NOT--
I wanna run away
SAKUMI

YESTERDAY'S TALK. YOU HEARD IT, RIGHT?
Rather than having heard
It was more like I could hardly hear anything
...I HEARD IT
....I WAS TRYING TO DISTANCE MYSELF FROM YOU

Wh
...
WHY!?
TO ME... SAKUMI AND RYOUTA BOTH HAVE
THE SAME PRECIOUS EXISTENCE
I THOUGH IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THOSE TWO GOT ALONG WELL
DON'T ...
DON'T JUST DECIDE THAT SORT OF THING ON YOUR OWN!
I...
I...
I LIKE-----!!

I DIDN'T JUST GO OUT WITH SOMEONE FOR THAT SAKE
BUT EVEN SO
I LIKE SAKAGUCHI
SEEM TO HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD, THOUGH
SOME PEOPLE...

SOLITA...
I'M SORRY
SOLITA

I already

Knew that

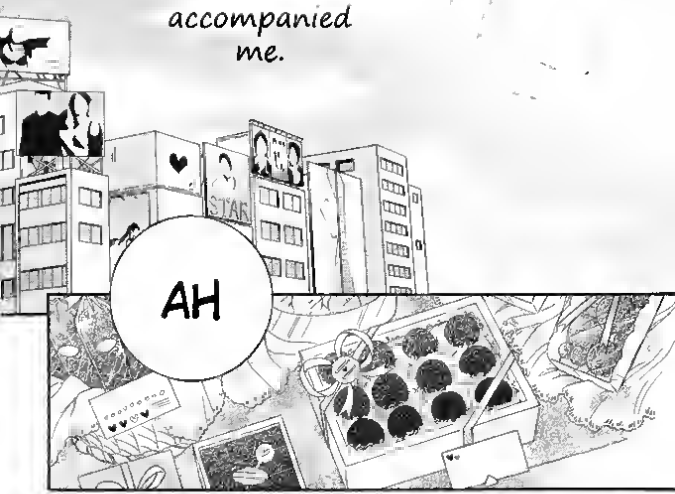
RYOUTA
SOUTA ...
COULD IT BE THAT ON YOUR WAY HERE...
YOU MET SACCHAN---?
Re:Re:
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
Re:Re:
BEHIND THE GYM

Owah
SACCHAN
I understand why she didn't go to class....
RYOU-CHA....

...
....DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HAPPENED?
....
... DID YOU HEAR FROM SOLITA...?
....
SORRY

It's Ryou-chan's fault that I understand that they're not going to break up!
Why
he's not at fault at all
...THAT'S RIGHT...
BECAUSE RYOU-CHAN SAID UNNECESSARY THINGS...
even though
THAT'S WHY...
is Ryouta apologizing?
Hoo

He always accompanied me.



Looking back at spring

It's the time when the air, and feelings both slowly but steadily began changing

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